

# GOVERNOR HOPEFUL OF ENDING STRIKE

Minnesota Executive Holds Meeting of Railroad Men.

## BOTH SIDES MAKE STATEMENT OF CASE

Union Men Insist Upon Strikers Again Being Given Employment.

### DEMANDS MADE IN LATEST STRIKE

BY THE ROADS:

To employ as many of the striking switchmen as they have room for under the present agreement until the end of the conference of switchmen and roads in the Chicago district, at which time they offer to meet any increases in pay or any working conditions granted the Chicago switchmen by the Chicago lines.

BY THE STRIKERS:

Arbitration under the act of 1898, by which both parties agree to abide by the result; and insistence on the carrying on of separate negotiations with the Twin City lines here, regardless of the outcome of the Chicago conference.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—Officials representing the Northwestern roads again met the striking switchmen and representatives of the American Federation of Labor today in the office of Governor Eberhart in a further effort to settle the strike.

Written statements of their respective positions have been made by both sides—that of the roads being given as final, and the statement of the strikers being more tentative and elastic, although it was directly in opposition to the statement made by the roads.

Seen Indifferent.

The railroad men after making their statement yesterday, left the conference with an air of indifference. The representatives of the labor organizations remained talking over the situation. The position of the roads, as developed in the conference is that the matter of differences be left to the Chicago conference, where it is intimated an increase of wages is expected. The switchmen and their representatives object to referring the matter to Chicago for settlement and ask for arbitration.

Notwithstanding the differences between the contending parties, Governor Eberhart is hopeful of a quick settlement. The executive is urging concessions from both sides.

### GOVERNOR CONFIDENT.

"I feel hopeful the parties will get together today," said the governor. "Of course, the differences are still pronounced, but I feel confident that, after thinking the matter over, it will be seen that mutual concession is necessary and an arrangement can be reached."

It was announced that today's session should be executive, and newspapermen and spectators were invited to leave the room. The chief difference in the face of a possible settlement today is the fact the roads may insist on their right to refuse employment to strikers if they wish. The switchmen say this would be a sacrifice of their dearest hopes.

## WANTS MILLIONS FOR SANITATION

Premier Asks for \$76,000,000 Loan to Clean Up St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—Denouncing St. Petersburg as the unhealthiest city in Europe, Premier Stolypin today pressing the duma to hasten the passage of a bill authorizing a government loan of 100,000,000 rubles, about \$20,000,000, to be spent in making the capital sanitary.

Statistics laid before the duma at the premier's order show that St. Petersburg is always a nest of typhoid; that though cholera has subsided during the cold weather, it will certainly break out again in the spring; that the rate of mortality from miscellaneous infectious diseases is greater than anywhere else in Russia and that last year the total number of deaths exceeded the births by 18.

The town council has characteristically held a meeting to protest against government interference with its sphere of authority.

Stolypin recognizes this "sphere of authority," but the town council having refused to comply with the request of the city, the premier has taken the needs of the city to the central government.

### FUN IS PROMISE FOR 'KING CASEY'

There are said to be more good hearty laughs in the two-hour and a half reign of Johnny Ray as "King Casey," in which piece he will be the attraction at the Academy, next week, than in two average musical farce comedies.

Johnny Ray has been the peer of musical comedy fun-makers for half dozen years, but in his latest offering his own laugh record has been broken. It is remembered as the janitor in "Down the Pike," and to see him as King in "King Casey" is said to double the former treat. This year's version of the play may be termed a second edition. The music, the wardrobe, and scenery is new, and many bright lines and new comedy situations have been added.

## FAVORITE IN OTTAWA



LADY SYBIL GREY.

ONE of the social favorites in society in Ottawa, the capital of Canada, is Lady Sibyl Grey, eldest daughter of Earl Grey, governor general of Canada. She was born in 1882.

## POTOMAC PROPERTY SOLD FOR \$155,000

R. Thomas Robinson Purchases 155 Acres Near Highway Bridge.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., DEC. 24.

One of the largest transfers of real estate that has been made in this neighborhood for many years was consummated yesterday evening when a deed was placed on record in the clerk's office of Alexandria county transferring from William Myer Lewis, trustee for the Dodge estate, 155 acres of land south of the Highway bridge, or what is known as Potomac Park, to R. Thomas Robinson.

The price paid for this property was \$155,000. The land is situated between the tracks of the steam railway and the tracks of the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon Railway Company. The sale was made through Rozier Dulaney, of Washington.

The funeral of Willis B. Hodgkin was held from the home of his sister, Mrs. O. H. Daniels, 959 North Alfred street, this afternoon, and was largely attended. The Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, conducted the funeral services. The burial was in the Union Cemetery.

The fire department was called out last evening to extinguish a blaze in the third story of the house of Dr. William M. Smith in North Alfred street, near King street at the last meeting of the city, and was extinguished by the use of chemical extinguishers.

At the meeting for men to be held at the Young People's Building in South Washington street next Sunday afternoon the address will be delivered by Dr. Forrest Prettyman. He will take for his subject, "Somebody in Particular."

Christmas Day will be celebrated in Alexandria in a fitting manner as in former years. The banks and city offices will be closed all day and the stores will close in the afternoon. The day will be the most part be spent in family reunions. In accordance with their annual custom Alexandria Lodge of Elks today distributed 100 baskets filled with good things to the deserving poor of the city.

A handsome gold watch has been presented to Retiring Grand Knight M. J. McFarland, of Fitzgerald Council, Knights of Columbus. The presentation was made at the last meeting of the council by the Rev. L. F. Kelly.

## PARKER'S ATTORNEYS TO APPEAL VERDICT

NOFOLK, Va., Dec. 24.—Attorneys for W. P. Parker, who yesterday was sentenced to die in the electric chair for murdering Sam Fisher today are preparing to appeal the case. When asked if he had anything to say as to why the death penalty should not be passed, Parker made an appeal for an eighteen-year sentence, which visibly affected the court.

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## WORD OF PEARY SATISFIES DANES

Minister Declares Copenhagen University Needs No Further Proof.

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felt chagrined when his records were discredited.

Explains Position.

"My course in honoring Dr. Cook was not taken without due consideration," Dr. Egan declared. "I explained it to Mr. Stead, and I would like to explain it to the American people in his words. It is the Danish government to which he (Dr. Egan) was accredited, decided that there was prima facie evidence to justify them in according an official welcome to an American discoverer who claimed to have discovered the North Pole. It was manifestly impossible for him, as the representative of the American government, to do or to say anything that might in any way tend to discredit an American against whose record there was no black mark. Besides, Dr. Cook, by right of prior discovery, might have established a claim to land good in international law, which the United States might in some future time find it expedient to advance and defend. In view of such a contingency, Dr. Egan felt, quite rightly, that he would not do for him, on account of official etiquette, to take up an attitude which might be quoted in after years to prejudice the claim of the United States to the North Pole."

## TRAINING SCHOOL PLANS MERRY DAY

Boys at National Institution Will Devote Themselves Entirely to Pleasure.

The National Training School for Boys begins its observance of the Christmas season with a concert and cantata given entirely by the boys of the school this evening. The school band will open the entertainment with a selection, after which there will be a "welcome chorus" by the entire student body. Then follows the cantata showing the shepherds watching by their flock, the appearance of the star in the East, the manger where the babe lay, and the worshippers coming to greet Christ-child.

Christmas Day will be devoted exclusively to the pleasure of the boys, when their own wishes will dictate the manner of the entertainment.

On Sunday the purely religious exercises will be held. The address will be by Rev. J. J. Mullr, and there will be special Christmas music.

## BOND ISSUE FIGHT IS WAGING MERRILY

Question Still in Air, With Aldrich and MacVeagh Sparring.

## CONFERENCE FAILS TO SOLVE PROBLEM

Senate Leaders Bear Resentment Toward Secretary for Speech in Boston.

With Senator Aldrich and Secretary MacVeagh, of the Treasury Department, working at cross purposes and the Senate leaders as sore as ever at the Secretary because of his Boston speech and other symptoms of independence, the question of what is to be done about an issue of bonds or other Government securities is still in the air.

The conference between the President, Senator Aldrich, and Secretary MacVeagh did not by any means settle the question of how to relieve the Treasury difficulties. It is likely there will be other conferences.

Ever since last July, Secretary MacVeagh has been urging that Congress enact legislation to equalize the tax on circulation based on bonds, so that the lower tax on circulation based on a 2 per cent bond would equalize the greater value of a bond bearing a higher rate of interest than 2 per cent. Senator Aldrich objects to such legislation. He then, he said, objects to it. Secretary MacVeagh urged the legislation strongly in his annual report, and still wants it.

It is generally supposed the President is standing back of Secretary MacVeagh in the matter. Nothing has occurred to indicate anything else.

But Senator Aldrich doesn't like Mr. MacVeagh and he doesn't like the idea of opening up any financial legislation at this time. He will not permit, if he can help it, as he doubtless can, the legislation to equalize the circulation. He has made a counter proposition to Secretary MacVeagh, and that official is considering it.

While there are various reports as to what this counter proposition is, there is reason to believe it is for an issue of \$100,000,000 Panama bonds at 2 1/2 per cent. Secretary Aldrich credited with the view that such an issue would not injure the 2 per cent bonds. Secretary MacVeagh is considering this, but has not announced a decision. It is expected he will issue the bonds at 2 1/2 per cent, as proposed by Senator Aldrich. The meantime, a bill is being prepared at the Treasury for certain corrective legislation in the Panama bond act.

HEIR TO MILLIONS ELOPES WITH WIDOW

James Benton Van Nuys and Mrs. Emily Howard Married Secretly.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—James Benton Van Nuys, only son of millionaire Isaac N. Van Nuys, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Emily Howard, of New York and Los Angeles, were secretly married today in San Rafael.

It was an elopement. Mrs. I. N. Van Nuys, mother of the bridegroom, treated the story as a joke when told that her son was married.

Mrs. Emily Pond Howard was the widow of George Howard. Soon after her marriage to Howard the couple went to New York, where Howard died after three months' illness. Mrs. Howard was ill at the time, and the funeral services were held in her bedroom in order that she might be present.

On account of some trouble with members of the Howard family they refused to settle anything on the young widow in the way of property. She controlled property in the southwest part of Los Angeles, and through speculation grew wealthy.

## RAILROADS SCORED BY SIGNAL BOARD

Charged in Report With Employing Incompetent, Inexperienced, and Unreliable Operators.

Criticism of certain railroads on account of the character of the telegraph operators employed by them is contained in a report made by the block signal and train control board to the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is stated that men lacking in experience; others having considerable experience but lacking in character, and boys too young to have had satisfactory experience have been found in all parts of the country. The commission has forwarded the report to Congress.

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## Sidelights on Our Statesmen, Wise, Unwise, and Otherwise

REPRESENTATIVE WHEELER of Pennsylvania, known to the House as "The Lumber King," has gone home for the holiday season full of grievances. He is sore at some of his constituents and he is sore on an express company.

Last week an express package was delivered at Mr. Wheeler's office in the House office building. There were express charges of 8 cents. The package was wrapped so neatly that Mr. Wheeler took it for granted that it was a Christmas present.

"Send it up to the house," said Mr. Wheeler to his secretary. "Mrs. Wheeler and I are going to spend an evening looking over the Christmas presents that arrive in Washington before we go home to Endeavor."

The express package took its place among a number of others that had arrived early. Last night all of them were opened.

"Curious thing about this package," said Mr. Wheeler. "Seems as if a friend sending a Christmas present would pay the express charges, doesn't it?"

Petitions Sent

"Petitions Unpaid." "Feels rather heavy," he remarked. "I suppose it must be a book."

By this time Mrs. Wheeler had finished expressing her delight with the other presents and was standing at her husband's side impatiently waiting for him to untie the cord. Inside the wrapping paper was a white box and inside the white box was one of the things that made Mr. Wheeler sore at his constituents.

"Resolutions, resolutions, letters," he exclaimed, in disgust, as he held a large bundle of papers before his wife's disappointed eyes.

The farmers of Endeavor had merely sent their Congressman a mass of evidence in support of their contention that oleomargarine should be forbidden by law, and they made Mr. Wheeler pay the freight.

An accompanying letter, bearing the date of October 25, contained the suggestion that Mr. Wheeler present the documents to the President for his guidance in writing his message to Congress.

Mr. Wheeler, armed with the letter with its evidence of delayed transit, went to the office of the express company and asked why the package had not been delivered earlier.

He asked Gen. Joe Wheeler was the last man of that name in Congress. "was the reply, 'and didn't hear of you until a couple of days ago.'"

The "Lumber King" left the office convinced that fame in Endeavor, Pa., does not necessarily mean fame in Washington.

## Capitol Employees Have Work Cut Out.

Several employees of the Capitol have had a task cut out for them which will not only keep them busy during the Christmas holidays but which, in all probability, will keep them at work for several months.

Senator Lodge is responsible for their labors, and he is responsible because of his unquenchable thirst for a knowledge of history.

The Senator is something of a historian himself. The list of books he has written on historical subjects takes up quite a bit of space in Who's Who. Last summer he was engaged at his home in Nahant, Mass., in the dual occupation of dodging politicians who wished to involve him in the Boston majority campaign and delving into historical subjects which are unknown to the average American.

Mr. Lodge discovered, during the hours when he was unmolested by politicians, that he desired greater knowledge of the manner in which the United States became interested in the Austro-Hungarian revolution. One of the first things he did upon returning to Washington was to introduce a resolution of the President to send to the Senate a report on the subject which had been made to the State Department many years ago by a special investigator of that department.

The following reply was received from President Taft:

"Referring to Senate resolution No. 18, I beg leave to say that the papers asked for were forwarded to the Senate by President Fillmore."

Members of the Senate proceeded to have some fun with the Bay State historian, but the latter was more determined than ever to find the papers and the Secretary of the Senate was ordered to institute search for them. Inasmuch as there are hundreds of boxes filled with papers, said boxes having no marks of identification and being stored away in a hundred corners of the Capitol, Senator Lodge undoubtedly will be back at his home in Nahant enjoying the summer breezes before he gets the information he is looking for.

## WILEY WOULD GIVE HIS VIEWS ON BREAD

Asks for an Opportunity to Appear Before Commissioners.

As an advocate of the proposed law establishing a standard weight for bread in the District of Columbia, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Agricultural Department, has asked for an opportunity to present his views to the Commissioners. The recent hearing on the subject was attended only by the opponents of the measure.

As noted from the newspapers that no one appeared before you to speak in favor of a standard weight for bread, and also for the establishment of a maximum content of moisture," says Dr. Wiley in a letter to the Commissioners. "I should like very much to be heard in my capacity as a citizen of Washington in advocacy of a law which requires bread to be sold by weight, and to contain not to exceed a given quantity of moisture."

"Butter is held to be adulterated if it contains in excess of 16 per cent of moisture, and bread should be held to be adulterated if it contains in excess of a quantity of moisture sufficient to make it good bread."

As Dr. Wiley will be out of the city next week, Commissioner Macfarland today recommended that he be given a hearing after January 1.

The Commissioners received also today a letter from C. H. Greathouse, of 50 Twelfth street northwest, in which the statement is made that the citizens of Washington are saying at present 6 cents a pound for bread, and requesting a further hearing on the subject.

## PULLMAN SERVANT LEADS A DUAL LIFE

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—Through a coroner's inquest into the suicide of Miss Elizabeth Stevens, Mrs. G. M. Pullman, widow of the multimillionaire, has learned of the dual life of her coachman, Henry Windish, whom she has employed for fourteen years. Windish at the inquest admitted he had lived three years with Miss Stevens as her husband, although he has a wife. According to his testimony, Windish has an income of \$10,000 a year from stocks and bonds.

## OPEN SEALED VAULT, FOUR MILLION GONE

Naples Authorities Discover Theft From Estate of Senator Patini.

NAPLES, Dec. 24.—The theft of \$4,000,000 in cash and securities, part of the estate left by the late Senator Patini, was discovered when the authorities broke the seal of the vault in the Patini mansion and found the vault empty.

Following Patini's death the vault was officially sealed, pending the appointment of executors. There is no clue to the thieves.

Patini died in November, and the thieves have probably had plenty of time to make good their escape.

## McKnew's Christmas Greetings

We extend to our friends and patrons the compliments of this joyous season and our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas. We also take this opportunity to express our appreciation of their generous patronage the past year. The increase in our business has been most gratifying and we will bend our every effort to deserve a continuance of your confidence and support.

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## Tonight

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## Tonight

The Basement Floor surprises are to include sweet singing canaries at \$1.87 for choice; \$5 parlor lamps at \$2.97; only 97c for punch bowl and six glasses, looking like cut glass; \$2.97 for \$5 decorated tea sets; 9c for 25c puff boxes, etc.

## Tonight

The first floor is to be dotted with tables filled with many surprises, including books published for as much as \$1.50 to be on tables at 10c, 17c, and 39c; Umbrellas with superb handles, worth to \$10.00, are to be \$3.88; expensive Parisian Jewelry, worth \$5 and up is to be only 98c, and American, worth 25c and up, for only 10c.

## Tonight

Second floor for dolls at less than they cost us to bring from Germany. Also look for tables filled with Children's Books, Women's Neckwear, Bric-a-brac, Rich Ostrich Feathers, Table Linens. Better than first floor bargains are to be on this second floor.

## Tonight

You may have a cozy home—has "he" or "she?" We are to ask you only 79c for big and warm Comforts covered with silk-like material; or 79c for a pair of good heavy blankets; and 79c is to suffice for Bed Spreads in Marseilles effect.—On Second Floor.

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